

PEOPLE'S PULPIT.

RESTITUTION IN "PEARL OF ANTILLES"

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Pastor Russell, Returning From Panama, Preaches in Havana.

Havana, Cuba, March 2.—Pastor Russell is delighted with Cuba, and does not fail to call attention to the wide contrast and those which prevail so short a time ago, when this fair land suffered continually from yellow fever and other tropical ailments. The Pastor referred to General Wood as the one through whose energy humanity's restitution and rejuvenation came about. "Honor to whom honor is due" appears to be the motto of Cuba's restitution. The Pastor's text was Acts 17:22, "times of Restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His Holy Prophets since the world began."

In Panama a week ago I saw one of the stupendous works of man in subdividing, or conquering, the earth and making it suitable for human purposes. I testified to the people there, and to the millions who read my sermons, respecting the increased education of humanity through modern inventions, which speak to us of the dawning of the New Era long foretold in the Bible. Today I point you to man's increasing skill along other lines. The laws of health and of disease are much better understood than ever in the past. The laws of chemistry applicable to nearly everything in life, are marvellously clear and greatly extended beyond anything of previous times. This increased knowledge lies close to the work of sanitation, which is so generally approved and so widely extended. All this sudden influx of knowledge is not only upon the few learned, but upon the masses of mankind also, is a sign of the dawning of the New Day of God's blessing—Restitution.

The Pastor urged his congregation to consider this wonderful transformation of conditions in their fair island an exemplification of the great work which will prevail throughout the whole world very shortly. It properly raises our estimation of human intelligence, and of the beneficence of the United States Government, whose agent in this transforming work was General Wood. What has taken place so markedly in Cuba under sanitary regulation is gradually being accomplished all over the world. It marks the dawning of the New Day referred to in his text as "Times of Restitution of all things, which God has promised from the beginning." Everywhere in the Scriptures the glorious work of human uplift is directly associated with Messiah's Kingdom. Perhaps many have expected the blessings of the New Day to come in a different way; nevertheless, now that they are coming, all should be able to see the fulfillment of the prophecies. The wilderness is coming to blossom as the rose because this is resulting from human energy—well-drilling and other irrigating projects? Surely not! The post says: "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform."

And that mysterious way is usually through human instrumentality, as improved conditions here in Cuba abundantly witness. Instead of being disappointed that God is using humanity for the fulfillment of His glorious promises, we should all rejoice that mankind may be associated with the marvelous Divine work. Nevertheless, the best that has been attained here or anywhere is evident, far below the glorious standard of perfection which God declares to be the ultimate result.

As man fell from the image and likeness of God, Restitution would mean to him return to that image and likeness. Of all the Restitution wonders, this will be the grandest. Were "every prospect pleasing," and humanity would still rest upon the earth. The evidences of the beginning of Restitution in the lives of some of man's ignorance and superstition are by no means the realization of what is to be expected. If a taste of Divine goodness is so refreshing and happy, what will the full draft mean to our poor race? My message is meaningless to those who have left the teaching of the Word of God, and who believe in human evolution. Disbelieving in the fall of our race from the Divine image in the flesh, these must logically deny also the redemption, and all necessity for a Saviour to die for our sins. Surely they could not count it sin to experience evolution, as they claim; and if sin has not been committed, then there could not be a redemption from sin, nor a restitution to a condition enjoyed before sin entered the world.

All such theories, therefore, are unscriptural. For this reason they are in antagonism to the Bible view, that man fell from God's image six thousand years ago; that he has passed through a great Day, in which has prevailed a reign of sin and death, induced by Satan at the beginning, and still, to some extent, influenced by him. Under this reign of sin and death, man has lost more of the Divine image, and has become brutal—more or less. The redemptive work of Jesus is not to be understood as a change of the Divine Plan and an abandonment of the earth as a Paradise, populated by humans in the mental and moral likeness of the Creator. God changes not. The mistake was merely one of ours, not authorized by the Bible. The time of restitution was not when Jesus came; it is a Saviour's man's Redemption-Prince; but those

"times," or years, of Restitution are due now; for we are living in the great Seventh Day (a Thousand-Year Day). Messiah's first work as the great King of the earth is about to be inaugurated. It is about to bind Satan—"that old serpent, the Devil." He is about to be cast out of heaven, but also to be humanity, by rolling away the original curse.

Messiah's Kingdom is pictured as a Day ushered in by a glorious sunrise of truth and grace. In contrast with its light and knowledge, all the past six thousand years are figuratively spoken of as darkness. (Isaiah 60:2) But the Sun of Righteousness now arises with healing in His beams. Gradually, not suddenly, the sun arises, and the Restitution blessings are coming in gradually, not suddenly.

Sometimes in the early morning there is a shudder storm, which for a brief space hinders the dawning of the day. But it results in the drenching of the earth with a refreshing shower, and according to the Bible, will this New Day of Messiah's Kingdom be ushered in, by a terrific storm of trouble. But it will be short, and its effects upon the earth will be refreshing. The great contrast between the righteousness of the future and the sin of the present will be so conspicuous that all will enjoy the new condition. "The desire of nations shall come."—Haggai 2:7.

God has withheld the knowledge of certain features of His Divine Program for our good, we may be sure. The supposition upon which many of us went in times past is untenable. We supposed that God in the Bible had set forth in plain terms every respecting His Plan. When we could not find it, we tried to manufacture it. It is good to study the Word, even if it is good to study the Word, even if our forefathers got themselves into difficulties through errors of judgment in studying God's Word, we may be sure that we are not especially disadvantaged thereby. Not seeing the Divine purpose, they were required to exercise more faith. But that greater amount of faith was not then more difficult, probably, than the least amount now necessary.

Christian theologians become so intent in their reasoning upon the Heavenly things pertaining to the Church that they forget all about the world as created by God. They have pronounced the Word of God as not studied. It is not strange that our forefathers concluded that all except the Church would be eternally tormented. And when they concluded this to be God's Plan, it is not surprising that they concluded to join in the persecution themselves. Thus it comes that the pages of the Bible, the records of bloody persecutions—sometimes directly from Christians through earthly governments. Thus the entire civilized world has become intoxicated with the wine of false doctrine from the cup of the woman who sat upon the beast, false-mystifying herself as a Bride of Christ, but living in figurative harlotry with the kingdoms of the world. (Revelation 17:1-3; 18:3.) As we get over the stupor of our intoxication of error, reason begins to return to us. The Apostle calls this "the spirit of a sound mind."

We must not hear of a "mystery of considerable darkness." There is no mystery in the glorious light! The Divine Character is shining out, as it was never seen before. Divine Love and Mercy are conspicuous. Divine Justice is seen in its true light. Proportionately as we see these things, our souls are getting more and more into the light of the glory of the Lord, who is good, and whose Mercy endures forever.

The work of this present Age is unquestionably the gathering of the elect, or chosen, of God to special privileges and opportunities under the Law Covenant; while the remainder of the world, called Gentiles, were allowed for century after century to go down to death without God, having no hope in the world. There was a hope for them, but they knew not of it, because God's time for revealing it to them had not yet come. It is the Jews told the outsiders that they could ultimately bless all nations, but the outsiders laughed at such a suggestion, feeling that they were as competent to bless the world as were the Jews.

This, indeed, was what the Babylonians tried. Next after them came the Medes and Persians; after them the Grecians; and still later came the Romans. Each of these stamped their ideas upon the world to the best of their ability, and gave their laws. Each attempted to show how much more competent than the others it was for earthly rule. But, alas

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of them, ruled satisfactorily or brought in the decision of all-unanimous. At the same time, the Jews waited for the fulfillment of their promise. At the same time, God renewed His promise, and assured them that He would send the Messiah to be their Deliverer shortly.

When Jesus came, He came not as a warrior, like Alexander the Great or Napoleon. He was meek and lowly of heart; and He called the poor, the maimed, the halt—mentally, morally and physically—to His standard. Not unnaturally the Jewish leaders repudiated Him and crucified Him, declaring that He did not represent their ideas and must be a deceiver. —1 Corinthians 2:7.

Similarly they treated His followers. As St. Paul declared, "As deceivers and yet true," the early Christians suffered reproach. The Jews understood not God's Message. They saw not that it was necessary for Jesus to die, "the just for the unjust" to be a Redemption-Prince to the sins of the world. They saw not that such a death was necessary to Him, in order that He might attain His glory, honor and immortality in the future. They saw not that the disciples, which Jesus called were sent, were not sent to die, but to live. However, these were mentally and morally, they were loyal, and they strove to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

People have said that, during this Gospel Age, God has been accepting the saints ones who come into the Father through the Saviour. They have not seen that the suffering of these was necessary for their testing and proving, and for their instruction in righteousness, that they might be fully qualified for glory, honor and immortality, and joint-heirship with Christ their Redeemer.

St. Paul speaks of the Church as a Mystery class. It is a Mystery to the world; first, it is the selecting of a class of the world, which would never think of entering the Kingdom of God. Second, neither the Jews nor the world realize that this class constitutes the Spiritual Seed of Abraham. Third, all the families of the earth, to be blessed, must be brought into the Kingdom of God. Nevertheless, God's great Plan goes on, whether they know or do not know. Ultimately it will work out to the blessing of all the families of the earth. The Church, the Elect, the Seed, the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, will be joined to all the families of the earth, and they shall be blessed. This is the Program still. We merely seek a way when we think of the Church of Christ, and we thought that all mankind to Heavenly condition and nature. No, no! The blessed, expected, and promised by the Church class. God still purges Restitution for the world of mankind. In Abraham's Seed all the families of the earth will be blessed.

If we see signs of these great blessings beginning now, it is a sure indication that the Elect must be all of us who have vowed consecration to the Lord and His service should be thoroughly awake to our duties and privileges. We do all this, the fact that the time of most crucial testing is even now at the door. If we are to make our calling and our election sure, we are getting ready for demonstration that we are loyal to God and His Word, and to the brethren. Along these very lines we must expect tests, too. How else could we be proved?

Moreover, now is the time to expect light on the Divine Word and Plan; and we are getting ready for seeing the difference between human nature and Divine nature, between the earthly blessing that is to come to mankind and the "high calling" which is the portion of the Elect. God declares that the Mystery hidden from the past Ages and Dispensations, which He kept secret from the beginning of the world, is to cease to be a mystery. The Mystery becomes daily, yes, hourly, less pronounced, as we come into that condition and nature which God will reveal to us His arrangements. Truly ours is a glorious time! Let us avail ourselves of the present hour, and grow in knowledge, grace and love. Let us walk worthy of the light; and rejoicingly let us note that we are in the "Light of the world," which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."—John 1:9.

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